

1 Thank you.  
2 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you.  
3 And, Mr. Henneberry, you understand  
4 that, although your comments are made in a  
5 private setting, they will be part of the public  
6 record?  
7 MR. DAVID HENNEBERRY: Yes, sir.  
8 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you.  
9 MR. DAVID HENNEBERRY: Thank you.  
10 THE FACILITATOR: We will be off the  
11 record.  
12 (A recess was taken.)  
13 THE FACILITATOR: We're back on the  
14 record, people.  
15 I will ask that if anyone in the  
16 audience has -- who would like to comment orally  
17 this evening formally on the record and who has  
18 not commented yet would like to do so.  
19 We've given you an opportunity to  
20 register at the front desk, and I will report,  
21 for the record, that no one has so registered.  
22 If there is anyone who has not commented and  
23 would like to do so, this is your final  
24 opportunity to do that this evening at the  
25 Jackson Hole hearing.

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IDAHO HIGH-LEVEL WASTE  
AND FACILITIES DISPOSITION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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1 MR. GEORGE WOOD: Thank you very much.  
2 My name is George Wood. I live at  
3 1680 North Mink Creek Road, Pocatello, Idaho,  
4 83204. I'm representing Coalition 21.  
5 I would like to know a little bit about  
6 who I'm speaking to. So, I'd like a show of  
7 hands.  
8 How many of you here actually work for  
9 the State, the EPA and INEEL? May a have a show  
10 of hands?  
11 And those who are of just the public,  
12 who are not?  
13 Well, I'm talking to the right people  
14 then. I didn't want to address my remarks so  
15 much to the public as I did to the people who are  
16 working for us.  
17 [There are several things I think are  
37-1 VIII.A(1) 18 extremely necessary for an environmental impact  
19 statement to be effective. Number One, of course  
20 you want to know what the impact is going to be  
21 from a point of how much radiation, how much of  
22 this hazardous material, is going to go into our  
23 environment.]  
37-2 24 [But, on the other hand, that doesn't  
VIII.A(1) 25 mean a thing unless you know what the effect of

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1 that radiation or that hazardous material is on  
2 the environment or on the people or the animals  
3 that are involved. And so we must consider what  
4 damage is it doing.  
5 What damage is it doing?  
6 How many people have been injured?  
7 How many people -- how much property has  
8 been damaged by the radioactive nature and by the  
9 other hazardous materials, the nonradioactive  
10 materials, at INEEL?  
11 That is certainly something that needs  
12 to be considered.]  
13 [How much of a change in the environment  
14 does that make?  
15 In other words, if we have a huge impact  
16 on the environment or the amount of radiation  
17 added to the state of Idaho by the activities at  
18 INEEL, that is one thing. But if those  
19 activities and those additions at INEEL are  
20 trivial compared to the natural background and  
21 the natural amount of radiation that we have in  
22 the state, perhaps we need to back off and look  
23 at the basic necessity of this whole procedure.  
24 So, the Environmental Impact Statement  
25 should contain some of that information.] [For

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1 instance, the 600,000 gallons of liquid waste  
2 should be compared to the amount of water in the  
3 aquifer.

4 So, how much would that change the  
5 aquifer or the water in the aquifer?

6 If it were all mixed directly into the  
7 aquifer, how much change would occur?

8 How much radioactivity would be added to  
9 the aquifer, if any?

10 And what percentage of change would that  
11 be?

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12 [What difference would it make, as far as  
13 the soil is concerned, the people, the animals,  
14 the crops, if we did have this sort of thing?]

15 The question came up awhile ago about  
16 how many cancer deaths, additional cancer deaths,  
17 are we talking about. And I -- I think the  
18 answer he gave was 9 per 10,000 people. And I  
19 believe, in just the natural scheme of things,  
20 about 2,100 or so out of 10,000 people get cancer  
21 anyhow. So, we're talking about 2,109 or maybe  
22 2,091 cancers per 10,000 people in this state.  
23 And that is a very, very iffy question.

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24 [So, what I would like to see added to  
25 the Environmental Impact Statement is the actual

1 effects on the people, the land, the crops, of  
2 the State of Idaho.]

3 Thank you very much.

4 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you for your  
5 comments.

6 We have a clarifying questions perhaps  
7 from --

8 MR. THOMAS WICHMANN: I need a  
9 clarification question.

10 THE FACILITATOR: Mr. Wood, would you  
11 yield to a question?

12 Come back to the microphone, if you  
13 would. The Department of Energy might ask  
14 clarifying questions of commentators --

15 MR. GEORGE WOOD: All right.

16 THE FACILITATOR: -- just to ensure that  
17 they understand the nature of your comments so  
18 that they can be responded to adequately in the  
19 Final Environmental Impact Statement. And  
20 Mr. Wichmann has indicated he would like to ask a  
21 question of you, Mr. Wood.

22 MR. GEORGE WOOD: All right.

23 MR. THOMAS WICHMANN: Yes or no, did you  
24 read the accumulative impacts and the ground  
25 waters impacts section of this EIS before you

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1 made your remarks, sir?

2 MR. GEORGE WOOD: No.

3 MR. THOMAS WICHMANN: Thank you.

4 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you for your  
5 comments, Mr. Wood.

6 I would like to remind you that you  
7 could file written comments -- submit written  
8 comments through a variety of ways. And all  
9 comments are reviewed and considered and analyzed  
10 by the Department of Energy and the State of  
11 Idaho in preparing the Final Environmental Impact  
12 Statement.

13 So, is anyone else in the room who has  
14 not had an opportunity that would like to comment  
15 formally this evening?

16 We'll let the record reflect that no one  
17 has so indicated.

18 We will stand at ease, subject to call  
19 of the hearing officer in the event that others  
20 come who would like to comment. So, right now,  
21 we'll be off the record.

22 (A recess was taken.)

23 THE FACILITATOR: We'll be back on the  
24 record.

25 This is a continuation of the public

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